

Assumption Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday April 4th, 2023 - 6:00pm

Meeting called to order 6:03pm

1. Honouring the Land – Adrianna Rerecich
2. Opening Prayer – Adrianna Rerecich
3. Regrets received from Gabriella Starcevic, Marla, Santa Silvestri, Marnie Jennings
4. Approval of Agenda – approved
5. Approval of Minutes from February 2023 meeting - approved
6. Aldershot Community Honour Roll – Karen Phelps
 - Up to three adults and 2 youths can win an award – must have lived in Aldershot for at least one year during their life
 - Deadline to nominate someone is April 15, 2023
 - Event is May 24 at Burlington Golf & Country Club
 - Aldershot community also publishes a paper four times a year – Youth Corner, 250 words to talk about their school – discussion of maybe the Grade 12 Creative Writing class doing something to contribute
7. Student Report – Laura Ponikvar & Teniola Balogun
 - Recap of activities that occurred during first two months of second semester
 - Throwback dance was last Thursday and was well attended. Lots of positive feedback and great costumes;
 - April
 - Thursday will be an Easter Egg hunt during lunch, Food drive running during Easter Week for period 5 classes
 - May
 - will be heavily involved in Catholic Education Week activities
 - June
 - BBQ
8. Teachers Report – Mario Soster & Julianna Crowell
 - Math Contest for Grade 12s and tomorrow is another Math Contest which will finish the contests for the year
 - April 15th – trivia night – first time in five years, still tickets available
 - April 24th – mid-term reports coming
 - May – Spring Production - one day will be a student buy-out, play has been written by and produced by students
 - June – Grad Dinner Dance, Athletic Awards
 - OSSLT – just completed with Grade 10s, no issues from students
 - Life Skills – May 18th Life Skills Prom, looking to run a Life Skills track meet at Assumption – our first year hosting it; Best Buddies program has been reinstated
 - Book Club, D&D Club, Chess Club, Woodworking, Robotics, Gardening – all still running, aiming for a club for everyone
 - EQAO results from first semester – students did really well, everyone landed between Level 2 and Level 4.

- Mr. Soster has been awarded the Descarte Medal for Math Education for 2022-23 from the University of Waterloo
- Intramurals are being run at lunchtime – Badminton intramural, European Handball, Girls rugby tournament
- Discussion surrounding the importance of the Breakfast Club – helping to remove stigma of grabbing food from the tables. Leftover snacks not grabbed by first bell are moved to the attendance office, resource room, student success room. Funding is provided by Halton Food for Thought, staff and students volunteer. COBS has been instrumental in supporting the program at the school. They also have a fundraising program where if you shop at the COBS (Maple Avenue) and mention Assumption they will donate a portion of the sale.

9. Chaplain's Report – Adrianna Rerecich

- Lent has been very busy
- All grade 10 got a retreat experience recently
- All religion classes have come through for reconciliation prep – finished yesterday
- Holy Week service is tomorrow
- Starting Ash Wednesday she's been sharing the 40 acts of Lent to encourage generosity
- Best Buddies – first activity is this Thursday during Period 3 – Cookie Decorating, Cotton Balls on Bunnies, Colouring Contest, Online Bingo – all easter themed
- Chaplaincy Club – small but mighty group of kids
- Catholic Education Week – first week in May however mass will be April 26th due to AP Exams
- Student DJ plays every morning
- April Song Challenge – administrator requests a song and every homeroom class has to guess artist, title and which administrator has made the request – most points by end of month wins a prize
- Chaplains Conference – next week, first gathering since 2019

10. Treasurer's Report – Pascal Lapointe-Antunes

- Meeting will be next week

11. Fundraising Committee Update – Brianna Hamlet, Cathy Kirin, Michelle Bradshaw, Santa Silvestri

- Purdy's
 - total sales were \$4,394 with \$1,241.31 in profits to the school (down from last year but given the economy and two fundraisers so close together it's a great total!)
- Cards in a box
 - 33 cards for \$33 and \$11 out of each box goes back to the school;
 - Birthday box, All Occasion box, Holiday box
 - decided to offer all three boxes;
 - planning to do the fundraiser in May so that parents would have the cards by the end of the month

- Briana brought up the idea of doing a silent auction – showcasing Student Talents, Community events, Food trucks; it would be done as a fundraiser; still in the early planning phases; maybe hold in a down month such as February/March; looking to 2024 at the earliest; discussion ensued surrounding aiming to fundraise for a specific goal to help raise funds

12. PRO Grant Update – Belinda/Gabby/Melanie

- Dr. Jean Clinton will be here April 26th at 7pm. Topic Rising to Resilience. Communications will be going out to parents over the next few weeks. Also including feeder school parents, parish newsletters

13. Business Arising from Previous Meeting – Clark McDougall

- Aesthetics
 - all the quotes are up in the school; need two volunteers for 2nd phase, need help to put up composites of prior grads; something in the main foyer or cafeteria
- Trivia night
 - April 15th – QR code going out tomorrow, if council would like to submit a team they are welcome to; currently there are 18 teams
- Grade 8 Open House (6-8pm) & Grade 7 experiential day running May 25 and 26th
- Safe Schools Plan
 - brief update from Ms. Thomas; been working with students, board, teachers to help;

14. Principal's Report – Clark McDougall

- Student passing
 - resources provided to students and staff were tremendous (crisis management team, CYC, chaplain) all around helping students and staff cope with the loss. Discussion of a memorial also to happen
- February
 - Black History Month was full of activities and fantastic; the most inclusive month with the activities, it was entirely student driven; name chosen by the group was Black Student Association
- School dances
 - three successful school dances
- Events
 - graduation, 50th anniversary, QR code has been put on our website for alumni (both parent and teacher) to provide memories; Parent /Teacher interviews in March were successful
- Enrolment for next school year it looks to be up and exceeding this year's population – questions posed from council surrounding retention from feeder schools

15. OAPCE Report – Sheila DeSousa

- Conference – last call April 22nd from 9-3 in Kingston for anyone who wishes to attend; there may be some funding if you wish to attend please contact OAPCE for further details

- Looking to do an update to Fully Alive curriculum – last update was in 2007, looking to improve and modernize; will engage parents, teachers for feedback on curriculum
- When Faith Meets Movies website (whenfaithmeetsmovies.com) – presented by guest speaker, has put together guiding questions on how films follow the principles of Catholicism; thought provoking questions to keep kids and families engaged while watching the film

16. Closing Prayer – Adrianna Rerecich

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm